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SUBJ: BOGOTA MEETING OF FORNMINS: ROUNDUP OF DEVELOPMENTS

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1. DELS BEGAN ARRIVING NOV 7 FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING ON NOV

8. A NUMBER OF NATIONS STILL HAVE NOT INFORMED THE COLOMBIAN FORNMIN OF THE MAKEUP OF THEIR DELS FOR THE MEETING BUT THE MIN EXPECTS ALL NATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BE REPRESENTED.

2. THE COLOMBIANS HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO DRAW UP A DETAILED AGENDA BUT THEY DO HAVE READY TO TABLE AN OUTLINE OF MAJOR TOPICS THEY HOPE WILL BE ADHERED TO FOLLOWED BOTH BY THE PREPARATORY GROUP AND THE ASSEMBLED FORNMINS:

1. DEVELOPMENT: REVIEW OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF MEETINGS AT ALTA GRACIA, BUENOS AIRES, VINA DEL MAR AND THE IAESCOSOC MEETING IN BOGOTA.

2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF THE U S AND LA.

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3. LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION: DISCUSSION OF ALL REGIONAL GROUPINGS.

3. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR CARACAS FORNMIN VAZQUEZ HAD INDICATED TO HIS STAFF THAT SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT AREAS FOR DISCUSSION WOULD BE TRANSPORTATION, COORDINATION WITH ECLA, MORE PERIODIC MEETINGS OF CONSULTATION OF THE FORNMINS, REGIONAL SECTOR PROGRAMS AND THE OVER ALL INTEGRATION OF LA. LITTLE WAS DONE IN HIS ABSENCE TO PREPARE SUBSTANTIVE PAPERS FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING AS VAZQUEZ HAD MADE NO FINAL DECISIONS AND NO WORK CAN BE INITIATED WITHOUT HIS SPECIFIC APPROVAL. IN FACT HE HAS PROHIBITED MIN OFFICIALS FROM DISCUSSING ANY ASPECT OF THE UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDERS.

4. ACCORDING TO A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE FORNMIN SEVERAL FORNMINS RAISED OBJECTIONS ABOUT THE BOGOTA MEETING AND ALMOST ALL HAD TO DO WITH SECY KISSINGER. SOME OBJECTED TO HIS ABSENCE; OTHERS FEARED THAT IF HE COULD NOT BE PINNED DOWN TO A FIRM DATE TO MEET WITH HIS LATIN COUNTERPARTS, PREFERABLY RIGHT AFTER THE BOGOTA MEETING, A DIALOGUE WITH KISSINGER WOULD NEVER COME OFF; TILL OTHERS THOUGHT THAT KISSINGER'S REPLY TO VAZQUEZ' INVITATION WAS SO TERSE AS TO INDICATE LACK OF INTEREST. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE VAZQUEZ HAS ASSURED HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THERE DEFINITELY WILL BE A MEETING WITH THE SECY AND AT A DATE NOT SO FAR IN THE FUTURE AS TO MAKE THE BOGOTA RESULTS OBSOLETE. A FEW MINS THOUGHT THAT THE BOGOTA MEETING WOULD UNDERCUT THE SPECIAL OAS COMMITTEE NOW AT WORK ON REFORMS TO THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

5. ON THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION, THE ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN FORNMINS DEFINITELY WILL NOT ATTEND AND UP TO NOV 7 NO CONFIRMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM EITHER THE PERUVIAN OR THE BOLIVIAN. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WILL NOT ATTEND AND NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM GUYANA AS TO ITS PARTICIPATION. WHITE

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